



Thursday, May 2

FROM SLAVERY TO SAINTHOOD **The Story of Fr. Augustus Tolton**

2013 Tolton Essay Contest Awards Presentation

Learn the story of America's first Black Catholic priest as told by the two student winners of the 2013 Tolton Essay Contest and Auxiliary Bishop Joseph N. Perry, the Archdiocese of Chicago's advocate of Tolton's cause for sainthood, which began in 2011.

Born in 1854, Augustus Tolton escaped slavery as a child along the Underground Railroad, endured small-town racism in Illinois, and ultimately was ordained a priest in Rome, when no American seminary would open its doors to him.



A leader of the First Black Catholic Congress in Washington, DC, he spent his last years of ministry in Chicago, where he founded St. Monica's, the city's first Black Catholic church. His story is one of drama, difficulty, suffering, and achievement that continues to inspire us today.

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